

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following amended paragraph:

[0001] This application is a continuation of co-pending U.S. patent application Serial No. 10/114,923, filed April 3, 2002, issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,712,151 on March 30, 2004, which claims benefit of Great Britain application 0108638.8, filed April 6, 2001. Each of the related aforementioned patent applications are hereby incorporated by reference in their entireties.

Please replace paragraph [0003] with the following amended paragraph:

[0003] The oil and gas exploration and production industry is making increasing use of expandable tubing, primarily for use as casing and liner, and also in straddles, and as a support for expandable sand screens. Various forms of expansion tools have been utilised, including expansion dies, cones and mandrels which are pushed or pulled through tubing by mechanical or hydraulic forces. However, these tools require application of significant force to achieve expansion and must be packed with grease to serve as a lubricant between the faces of the cone and the tubing. A number of the difficulties associated with expansion cones and mandrels may be avoided by use of rotary expansion tools, which feature rolling elements for rolling contact with the tubing to be expanded while the tool is rotated and advanced through the tubing; a range of such tools is disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 6,457,532 ~~WO00/37766~~, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference. Although the expansion mechanism utilised in rotary expansion tools tends to require only relatively low actuation forces, the various parts of the tools may experience high loading, for example the rollers may experience very high point loads where the roller surfaces contact the tubing under expansion. Clearly, such high loadings increase the rate of wear experienced by the tools and the requirement to build the tools with the ability to withstand such loads tends to increase the cost and complexity of the tools.